



Dear Members

The below posting is from Tony F to Pat Zalewski concerning Frank Salt, being a Temple Chief of the Whare Ra.

This posting was on Pat Zalewski's Yahoo group (golden_dawn_group) and I have only just recently seen it as Pat banned me from his group many months ago. I thank the anonymous member for sending this to me.

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The posting is un-edited however I have highlighted the important areas of particular notice to this group.

- Jean
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Thanks Pat. Actually I am not sure that we do entirely disagree over the role of Frank Salt (I agree entirely with your comments in previous posts and discussions) **but rather that the question of Chiefs was rather more complex in Whare Ra than elsewhere.** With regard to the Golden Dawn and the early Stella Matutina there was a distinction between Chiefs of the Order and the various Chiefs of Temples. Thus Mathers, Westcott, and later Felkin, Brodie Innes etc, as Order Chiefs had authority over Temple Chiefs. Although I must emphasize that they never used the term, one might compare their situation with the distinction made in some US Orders as "Grand Chiefs" and "Chiefs". Confusingly, the titles of both groups (Imperator, Cancellarius and Praemonstrator - later

Demonstrator in the SM) were the same for both groups. This problem led, incidentally, to Mathers adopting within the AO the title of "Archon Basileus".

John Von Dadelszen (the last most senior Chief of Whare Ra) described the situation to me as follows. After the three Felkins moved to New Zealand this presented a slight problem for there were now 6 Chiefs (3 Order and 3 Temple). Initially the latter stood down in favour of the Felkins but as they aged and assumed the highest Grades of the Third Order (Da'ath, 8=3 and 9=2) they ceased to play such an active role in the ritual working and running the Temple administration. In other words they needed the Temple Chiefs. But clearly it was both confusing and slightly ridiculous to have 6 Chiefs. **To address this they changed the name of the Temple Chiefs to that of Wardens.** Now the Wardens were the Imperator, Cancellarius and Demonstrator and wore the red, yellow and blue cloaks when on the Second Order dais. The Order Chiefs, it should be noted, sat behind them, and wore White, Black and Grey cloaks symbolising Kether (Ipsissimus), Binah (Magus) and Chokmah (Magister Templi).

This situation seemed to work satisfactorily until Mrs and Miss Felkin died whereon it becomes confusing. Firstly, **for a period of some months Frank Salt was Cancellarius (i.e. Temple Warden/Chief), and then was made Demonstrator. There is absolutely no doubt about this as I have the official written announcement from John Von Dadelszen on behalf of the Order (and Order Chiefs). Frank at this time was the only Demonstrator and definitely a Warden (or Temple Chief).** However things become much more confusing after this time. Because of a monumental argument between Salt and the Order Chiefs, and because they were all relatively young and active they decided to abolish the Temple Chief or Warden role and condense the Order/Temple roles into one. They also appeared, as Pat rightly points out, to create several teaching posts assigned to different areas and named as Demonstrator. Frank was also, I believe, one of these. In essence, his job was downgraded.

So, if one takes the view that the Wardens were not Chiefs at all then Frank Salt was not a Chief. If one considers the **Warden role to be a Temple Chief, then he was a Chief** although was later removed from this position.

The above account which I believe to be accurate and is both my own understanding and that of some other members is not of course necessarily the final word. In this very secretive Order communication and clarity were not high on the agenda of Whare Ra and it is quite possible that the Order Chiefs had a different explanation. **One thing is certain, however, is that Frank Salt appears in Order Documents (for a period) as, initially, the Cancellarius, and later, as the Demonstrator.**

Tony F.